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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Public:

GREAT BEND, KAN., January 15, 1896.

The name of the St. Louis Store, of which Mr. Caro is proprietor, has been changed to The



and hereafter will be under my management.

We have decided on a radical change in the method of doing business. We propose hereafter to sell for CASH only. We propose to give credit to NOBODY at all. It is really the only possible way to treat everybody alike. It is the only fair method of doing business there is.

Under a credit system, there are always uncollectable accounts. There are always men who won't pay what they owe. The only way the dealer can offset these bad accounts is to charge higher prices to those who are prompt to pay. He has to do it. But it isn't right, or fair, or honorable. It is so radically wrong, that we have decided to quit altogether.

Under our cash system, we are going to put prices right down to the bottom. We are going to give more goods for a dollar than anyone else. We shall have no accounts on our books. We shall know exactly "where we are at."

We want your trade. We can give you better service than any other dealers, no exceptions whatever. If you want to know how much we have cut prices under our cash system, come in any time and make comparisons. We propose to give the people the very best service possible, and make their dollars buy more goods, honest value than they ever bought before.

Our line includes everything generally found in a first class Dry Goods, Boot, Shoe, and Clothing concern. We will make a specialty of all kinds of Racket Goods, Tinware, Hardware, Books, Stationery, and a good many other things. Nothing short of seeing the goods and prices will tell you how really good and cheap they are.

We will require the cash in every sale, but any article bought here and found not satisfactory when taken home, can be returned in any reasonable time and the cash will be refunded. The money back HERE if you want it.

Very truly yours,  
ED. S. MARX.

## YOU MAY NOT CARE

to talk about what you are to have for dinner just after you have finished breakfast—

## BUT YOUR WIFE DOES!

She has to think of it, and it is your duty to have her make out the list and then leave it at

### CHAS. LUNDBLADES,

and don't forget those little household necessities in the DRUG DEPARTMENT. How about Hardware, too?

OLDEST BANK IN CENTRAL KANSAS.

## THE J. V. BRINKMAN COMPANY BANK.

ESTABLISHED IN 1874. COUNTY DEPOSITORY.

CAPITAL, \$50,000.00. SURPLUS, \$15,000.00.

J. V. BRINKMAN, President. LOUIS ZUTAVERN, Cashier.  
J. GEO. BRINKMAN, Vice Pres't. CHAS. V. BRINKMAN, Asst. Cash.

Interest Paid on Time Deposits

Jesse Jordan has closed his feed store.

Charley Dodge has had the trees in his grove beheaded.

Abraham Keller of Cladin has been granted a pension of \$12 per month.

Rev. Albert Stevenson will preach to the colored Baptists of Larned next Sunday.

Iceman Russell did not exhaust last season's crop and yet has thirty tons of the vintage of 1895.

The Epworth guards held a social at the Grand Army hall Friday evening that was well attended.

If you hold Great Bend school warrants, remember that interest ceases after January 13, 1896.

Rush Center Standard: Robert Wolf and wife drove to Great Bend Tuesday. They expect to visit Hoisington and Olmutz before returning.

Otto Dick has found a trainer and manager who has taken him to New Mexico for foot racing. He left Tuesday. Those Mexican boys won't do a thing to Otto.

If you want to buy some of the government bonds, in denominations of \$50 and its multiples, you now have the opportunity. Bids are asked for in an advertisement posted on the post-office bulletin.

It is said that Captain Hannum is coming back from Cripple Creek. The camp is growing and spreading over so much territory that the Captain finds it impossible to get around and do the thing right.

I. N. Woodward has equipped his irrigating plant on the farm west of the city with a pump of much greater capacity than the one in use last season. He is also constructing a large reservoir for irrigation purposes.

Will Kelly received a telegram from Andover, Ill., Sunday stating that two of his sister's children had been drowned by breaking through the ice while skating. He left at once for the scene of the awful misfortune.

The republicans now leave the court house—with the exception of the offices of treasurer and register of deeds. Now let us see how much better they will run things than has been done by officials of other political faith.

We are in receipt of the first copy of Joe H. Border's Independence (Mo.) Daily Blade. Like everything else Joe tackles in the newspaper line, it is par excellence itself and we wish him the success he will no doubt achieve.

Next Sunday morning at the Methodist church Rev. Davis will deliver a sermon to women, taking for his subject "Dorcas." In the evening his subject will be "A Proud Rider Thrown From His Horse." All are invited.

Joe Troilett, the cigar manufacturer, employs a journeyman workman and the money spent for his excellent brands of cigars goes to give life and activity to the home trade. Remember this when a foreign cigar drummer asks you for an order.

Surprise parties are all the rage. How would it do for five or six hundred of the people who owe the DEMOCRAT subscription money to agree on a meeting place and then march into our office and deposit say \$1 each in the editor's hand? That would be a delightful surprise for us.

The new school books have been placed in our city schools, and things seem to move along all right. Yet the parents who have a number of children just coming of school age, whom they expected to use the books finished by the older ones, are wondering how the change will effect them in the near future.

The News says Mrs. Ed Tyler is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. H. H. Kidder, who now lives at Deming, N. M. Mr. Kidder was a business man here in the early 70's and from all accounts a great hustler. The letter states that Harry Kidder is 19 years old and that they have a 9 year old daughter. They are prosperous.

## PERSONAL POINTERS.



THE trainmaster for this division, Mr. Bailey of Nickerson, had business here Thursday.

Mrs. E. C. Cole entertained Friday in honor of her sister, who is paying her a visit.

Ira Clark, late of the Hoisington Dispatch, leaves in a few days for Colorado Springs, Colo., where he opens a Lawelling emporium.

C. A. Joyce of Lyons was here Friday.

Mrs. Charles Allison is convalescing rapidly.

D. J. Lewis was over from Hoisington Friday.

Harry Degen was over from Hoisington Saturday.

E. R. Moses left Thursday for Streator, Illinois.

M. A. Dowse, the Cladin butcher, was here Saturday.

C. Michaels of Council Grove was a business caller Saturday.

S. D. Hutton, of the Topeka Journal, was in town Tuesday.

A. E. Fisher of Trenton, Mo., was here on business Friday.

L. L. Dudley went to Chase last week to spend his honeymoon.

Mrs. G. G. Davison leaves this week for Illinois to visit a sister.

C. N. Johnson has gone to Texas to spend the balance of the winter.

O. R. Kuckley and Leon Roberts were down from Galatia Saturday.

Colonel Sowards was down from the north Saturday buzzing the boys.

J. H. Warner, a prominent La Crosseite was here one day last week.

A. G. Barrett of Alden is assisting at the Sroufe-Seward tansorial parlors.

Miss Lillian Chase of Huntsville, is visiting her sister Mrs. Tom Stradley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Samuels left Sunday for Hot Springs, Ark., for a brief stay.

J. H. Harper, a former resident of this city, was up from Hutchinson Saturday.

Postmaster Welsh and W. E. Chatten of Cladin were here on business Monday.

Frank Wilson, the miller, is now located at St. John and was up here Sunday.

John Frank is in southwest Kansas erecting windmills for the Woodmanse company.

Frank Hurst, representing Lincoln J. Carter's "Tornado," was a caller Saturday.

Joseph Namarr, representing the La Crosse Mills, was in town last Thursday.

William Brueser came up from Gallup, N. M., Friday for a visit with his family.

W. G. Merritt was up to Nekoma last week to see about the new skimming station.

H. Caro left Saturday for St. Louis. He intends looking up a business location while away.

Santa Fe Agent Robertson was called to Halstead Thursday by the illness of his wife.

Mrs. Mary A. Bailey and grandson, Harry Heidley, were up from Ellinwood on Saturday.

Bert Steckle of Ellinwood who now represents a Chicago cigar house, was in town Thursday.

Mrs. James Kelly returned last Friday from an extended visit with her parents at Cladin.

Miss Jessie Clark of our city schools, Sundayed with her brother Ira and family at Hoisington.

Chess Nichols is to have charge of the Nakoma skimming station for W. G. Merritt & Co. of this city.

Henry Myers, Jacob Shuss, Paul Schenk and Hugh Byers of Heizer were county seat visitors Saturday.

Mrs. M. Gillmore went to Larned Thursday, where her daughter, Miss Floy, had been visiting for a week.

Dad Quimby of the Santa Fe branch is laying off and J. Mullins of Nickerson handles the throttle on 96.

G. D. Patterson, of Omaha, Neb., came in Monday evening for a brief visit with his brother, F. P. Patterson.

Will Mendenhall came in Thursday from Colorado where he has been employed on Missouri Pacific bridge work.

Henry Harper came up Saturday from Lyons for a visit with home folks. He is now employed at the salt works there.

Will Mayer was in the city Monday. He is purchasing corn in Reno county and has already 80,000 bushels on hand. He lives in Pennsylvania,

and is the same Will well known here ten years ago.

Miss Birdie Meek returned Saturday from a lengthy visit with her sister, Mrs. Rev. McCartney, at Andover, Kansas.

W. F. Putnam was called down from McCracken Friday by the illness of his wife. Mrs. Putnam has fully recovered.

Mrs. Carrie Horton and children left Thursday for Des Moines, Iowa, after a pleasant visit with her father, T. J. Ross.

Will O'Brienness and Emette Putnam were here from Cladin Sunday. Will leaves next week for a month's sojourn in Oklahoma.

Among those from this city who attended the ball at Hoisington last week were Mrs. Robert Bayer and son Joe and George Scrogins.

Pat Reigle returned last week from Brownville, Ind., with his bride, who was Miss Hattie Foster. They were married on the 8th inst.

N. Moorehead of the Larned Eagle-Optic passed through the city Thursday, enroute to Lincoln, Kansas, to visit Will Hofer, his brother-in-law.

Frank Howard, a former student at the college, is now advance agent for Fontana's Merry Makers, and was in the city Thursday in their interest.

J. C. Miller, formerly of Pawnee Rock, and later deputy treasurer of Stafford county, dropped in to see us last week, on the way to pay his father a visit at Pioneer, Stafford county. Josh is now located on a claim near Cleo Springs, Oklahoma, and says the Great Bend contingent there are happy and contented.

Social dances are held weekly at the Hulme hall by a select crowd of young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, residing in South Bend township, lost their infant child by death on Sunday.

O. T. Allen of Wichita relieved Lou Walker as route agent on the Selkirk branch a few trips the past week.

The ladies missionary society of the Congregational church met at Mrs. Isaac Reynolds' last Thursday afternoon.

W. A. Dunn and wife were surprised Friday night by a large number of friends and an enjoyable evening was spent.

F. A. Wilson mounted the goat for the second degree in the workmen last week. James Hansen took the first degree the same night.

The registration books are now open for the spring election and the rights of freemen can be exercised without regard to sex, color or previous condition of servitude.

The city banks received telegrams Saturday from the New York World inquiring if they were patriotic enough to invest in the new bond loan. So far as heard from they were not.

A Sterling minister explains that "religion is not a theory but a practice." This is probably the reason why the ungodly are unable to understand the mysterious practices of certain men who are prominently religious.

An Austrian scientist has discovered a means of photographing the skeleton of a living man. It would be unnecessary to go to the trouble of photographing the populist party of Barton county by this process. The ordinary method would do; for it's all skeleton, and crumbling in its bones, at that.

We are glad to see that the agitation commenced by the DEMOCRAT last week in favor of a new county jail and sheriff's office has already begun to bear fruit. Keep the ball rolling. Barton county's jail is a disgrace to any civilized community. In the name of common decency it must go.

H. S. Baird of Pawnee Rock township was a caller on Friday. Mr. Baird has 145 acres sown to wheat and it is looking well, although beginning to need rain. We had a talk with Mr. Baird concerning brown dourah, a cereal that attracted much attention wherever planted last season. Mr. Baird got thirtyone loads off of fifteen acres and has been feeding it to all his stock. It agrees with them and seems in every way an ideal feed, said to be a sure crop.